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**Applicant** 

: Hiroshi SOGABE et al.

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For

:TRANSMISSION BELT AND METHOD OF TREATMENT FOR

BONDING WITH POLY-P-PHENYLENE BENZOBISOXAZOLE FIBER

Group Art Unit:1774

Examiner: DIXON, Merrick L.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111** 

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 18, 2003, re-mailing of the pending Office Action and a resetting of the period for response in the present application is respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks. Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires September 22, 2003 (the Federal Government having been closed on September 18 and 19, 2003 and September 20 and 21, 2003 falling on Saturday and Sunday), this Response is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

#### Remarks

In response to the Office Action, Applicants respectfully request the re-mailing of the pending Office Action and a resetting of the period for response in the present application. The Office Action mailed on June 18, 2003 was in fact an Office Action for Application No. 09/977,698, not for the present application. Applicants representative noticed the error and contacted Examiner Dixon about the error. The Examiner agreed to issue a corrected Office Action and to reset the period for response. The mailed Office Action was faxed to Examiner Dixon on July 9, 2003. A formal Request for Re-mailing of a correct Office Action was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 31, 2003. A copy of the filing receipt of this filing is attached herein. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the re-mailing of the Office Action to the present application and the re-setting of the three month shortened statutory response time on the mailing of the correct Office Action.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number provided below.

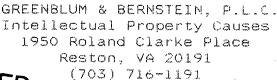
> Respectfully submitted, Hiroshi SOGABE et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

A Request for Extension of Time.

X No Additional Fee.

X A copy of date-stamped mailroom filing receipt filed July 31, 2003.

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